Statement-II

List of Sportspersons whose Performance is under review of OIL for promotion/confirmation/extension

Table Tennis			
1.	Shri Subnajit Saha	—	International
2.	Miss Mouma Das	—	International
3.	Miss Nandita Saha	—	International
4.	Miss Mantu Ghosh	—	International
5.	Shri Shibaji Dutta	—	International
Badminton			
1.	Ms. C.H. Deepthi	—	International
Football			
1.	Shri E.N.T. Chullai	—	National
2.	Shri Prabin Ch. Baruah	—	National
3.	Shri P.P. Neog	—	National
4.	Shri Tapan Chetia	—	National
5.	Shri Hirumoni Borsaikia	—	National
Golf			
1.	Shri Manav Das	—	International
2.	Shri Aparup Saikia	—	National

Uses of coal-bed methane Gas

3349. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works related to location of coal-bed methane gas have since commenced at Barmer where huge deposits of lignite have been discoverd;

(b) what are the uses of CBM gas;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) what are the prospects of locating of CBM gas in this area; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) One Coal Bed Methane (CBM) block measuring 410 sq. km., situated in the north of Barmer District of the State of Rajasthan, was offered under the first round of CBM bidding. There was only one bid and it was decided not to award this block.

(b) CBM is a eco-friendly clean fuel consisting mainly of methane gas and can be used for the same purposes as the natural gas, such as feed stock for fertilizer plants and as fuel for power generation and for industrial units.

(c) and (d) While thick lignite seams with good CBM shows have been encountered in Barmer and Jaisalmer basins usually denoting fairly good prospects, commerciality of CBM in the area is not determinable at this juncture.

Supply of HSD at concessional rate to SRTUs

3350. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received for supply of High Speed Diesel at concessional and fixed rates to State Road Transport Undertakings;

(b) if so, whether Government have worked out any plan to supply HSD to State Road Transport Undertakings at subsidised rates;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor keeping in view very weak financial position of SRTUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) With dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector effective 1st April, 2002, the price of diesel has been decontrolled. The oil marketing companies are now fixing the price of diesel after taking into account the prevalent international oil prices. Thus, the variations in the international oil prices are likely to be reflected in the domestic prices